generally relating to the reduction of a disability retirement benefit by a related workers' compensation award.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 29-118(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

29-118.

- (b) (1) The Board of Trustees shall reduce a AN ACCIDENTAL OR SPECIAL disability retirement benefit by any related workers' compensation benefits paid or payable after the effective date of retirement if the workers' compensation benefits:
 - (i) are paid or payable while a pension is paid or payable; and
- (ii) are for an accidental personal injury [or occupational disease] arising out of and in the course of the retiree's employment by a participating employer.
 - (2) A retirement allowance may not be reduced:
- (i) to be less than the sum of the retiree's annuity and the amount authorized to be deducted for health insurance premiums; or
- (ii) for workers' compensation benefits that are reimbursements for legal fees, medical expenses, or other payments made to third parties and not to the retiree.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 194

(House Bill 649)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure - State Fire Marshal - Search Warrants

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Fire Marshal or certain employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to receive and execute certain search warrants; authorizing the State Fire Marshal or certain employees of the Office of the